THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAM-BHAI PATEL): (a) As on 1.2.94 there were 9 "no source villages' facing acute shortage of safe drinking water in Gujarat.

(b) All these villages and partially Covered villages/habitations are likely to be provided safe drinking water under the Minimum Needs Programme and Rajiv Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission including Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) during the Eighth Five Year Plan.

(c) The amount allocated to the State under ARWSP including for Water Supply to Saurashtra and Kutch and piped water supply during 1993-94 is Rs. 6.56 crore. Separate amount is not provided on schemewise/areawise basis.

Rural Water Supply Programme in Maharashtra

611. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDN JAIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of issues of Maharashtra State in respect of Rural Water Supply Programme pending approvals with the Union Government as on date;

(b) the present status of such issues and the action taken thereon by Government; and

(c) the amount to be allocated to the State of Maharashtra for Rural Water Supply Scheme in the current financial year and total percentage of its annual outlay to be used for the provision for the maintenance and repairs of water supply scheme in rural areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI PATEL: (a) only one issue for increasing the norm for per capita per day supply of drinking water and to make allowance to give 30% private connections is pending in respect of Rural Water Supply Programme in Maharashtra.

(b) The guidelines of Centrally Sponsored Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme do not provide for private in house connections as large number of villages/habitations have not been provided safe drinking water facilities even through public standposts/ spot sources/hand-pumps. Liberal norms of private connections under Piped Water Supply Schemes can be followed only after the entire unserved/ underserved population is covered as per the existing norms.

(c) The allocation under Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme for Maharashtra from 1993-94 is Rs. 54.88 crores Rs. 33.90 crore (normal) &Rs. 20.98 crore (additional). 10% of this allocation can be used for operation and maintenance of water supply schemes in rural areas.

Objectives of I.R.D.P.

612. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the objectives of the I.R.D.P.;

(b) how far its objectives are being achieved;

(c) what are the shortcomings and loopholes identified in its implementatioin;

(d) what steps are proposed for improving the I.R.D.P.;

(e) how many families have so far been covered under the programme;

(f) how many of them have crossed the poverty line; and

(g) whether the family credit plan has yielded better results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI PATEL): (a) I.R.D.P. is a beneficiary oriented programme. Its objective is to enable selected families in rural areas to cross the poverty line. A family with an annual income of Rs. 11000 or less is considered to be below the poverty line.

(b) As per the results of the latest available round of concurrent evaluation (Jan.—Dec., 89), I.R.D.P. had achieved its objective in so far as 81% of the families surveyed had crossed the poverty line of Rs. 3500 and 28% of the surveyed families had crossed the poverty line